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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG Bavaria Policy Letter #28; Pet Ownership Responsibilities

1. **Effective Date.** This policy remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.
2. **Scope.** This policy letter is applicable to all military units, commanders, and tenant organizations served by USAG Bavaria, information may vary concerning other post installations within USAG Bavaria Community.
3. **References.**
  - a. Army Regulation 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 12 February 2008.
  - b. AE Supplement 1 to AR 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 20 November 2008.
  - c. Dangerous Dogs in Bavaria, JMTC Command Policy Letter 14.
  - d. Bayerische Verordnung ueber Hunde mit gesteigerter Aggressivitaet und Gefaehrlichkeit. (Translation: Bavarian State Law on Dogs with Increased Aggressiveness and Dangerousness).
  - e. VETCOM Command Policy No. C-04 - Dangerous Dogs and Animal Bite Prevention, 30 March 2010.
  - f. Army Regulation 40-905/SECNAVINST 640 1.1B/AFI 48-131, Veterinary Health Services.
  - g. Title 40, Sec 291 US Code (Admission of Guide Dogs Accompanied by Blind Masters).
  - h. Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (Animal and Animal Products).
  - h. AE Regulation 27-9 Misconduct by Civilians.
  - i. Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (Animal and Animal Products).
4. **Pet Authorizations.** Each Family in Government controlled housing is authorized to keep two pets, such as dogs and cats, and a reasonable number of other small contained pets to include fish, hamsters and birds. Permission to house more than two (2) pets or pets other than those specified must request in writing through the housing

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office as an Exception to Policy (ETP) for approval by the Garrison Commander.

5. **Pet Registration.**

a. All dogs and cats must be registered with the post veterinary clinic within two weeks after arrival at the sponsor's duty station. The owner must present evidence of the pet's current vaccinations at the time of registration, maintain a record, and update required vaccinations, as necessary. Pet owners must ensure that their dog's rabies tags are worn at all times. A copy of the registration for dogs must be provided to the housing office. Failing to register pets or maintain registration will revoke pet privileges.

b. Owners will notify the Veterinary Treatment Facility when their pet has been removed from the installation (i.e. sanctions, change of ownership, death, or PCS).

c. Registration of a pet will expire when one or more of the required vaccinations expire. Registration will not be renewed until all required vaccinations are current.

6. **Pets in the workplace.** PX, Commissary, DFAC, Schools, and any other garrison facilities are prohibited including taking pets to sporting events or special events. This policy excludes the Veterinary Treatment Facility and Military Working Dogs, including other Government service animals or guide dogs for the blind and deaf. Pets identified as a Mascot can submit an ETP for approval by the Garrison Commander.

7. **Pet Policy Violations/Penalties.** Please report any incidents of failures to comply with this policy to the area, building, or stairwell coordinator. Failing to comply with this policy is subject to penalty as prescribed by the Garrison Commander.

8. **Dissemination.** Leaders must disseminate this policy letter to their Soldiers and civilian employees. Furthermore, leaders must enforce this policy.

9. **Point of Contact.** The point of contact is Mr. Kenneth Carter, Chief Housing Division, Directorate of Public Works, DSN 475-5303, email: kennith.e.carter@mail.mil.

  
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